GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4742
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EFFICIENCY OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Karmachariyon par lagam nahi laga saka Nitish` appearing in the Rashtriya Sahara dated May 14, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the category-wise estimated number of surplus employees and the policy of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news-item gives the personal views of an individual which are of a general nature and without any specific suggestion. Some of the remarks regarding Rakesh Mohan Committee are not factually correct.Safety is being given the utmost importance on the Railways. Despite the financial crunch and other constraints, all possible efforts are made to ensure safe travel. Necessary preventive measures are taken on the basis of the recommendations of Commissioner of Railway Safety who enquires into major accidents. Various measures to improve the efficiency of the Railway employees and to improve their competence in discharging their duties in the fast changing scenario of technological advancements have been taken, which have progressively enabled the Railways to carry more freight and passenger traffic, with reduced staff strength. The minimum educational qualification of 8th Class pass is presently prescribed for recruitment of Gangmen.

(c) The category-wise estimated number of surplus employees as on 31-5-2001 are :

Group `C`	Group `D`	Total
3990	4280	8270

It is the policy of the Indian Railways that re-deployment of surplus staff should be given the highest priority and their absorption will have precedence over all other modes of recruitment.